MR. C. KUMARA DAS: From the papers here we have no information about complaints received by the revenue authorities. But the P. W. D. has already asked the revenue authorities to investigate the cases of encroachment and to effect eviction.

Construction of a Dam.

373. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: With reference to the construction of a dam in Survey No. 272 of Matathuvilagom pakuthy, across Oollur thodu below the fourth mile will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was the construction of the dam sanctioned by Government;

(*b*) whether this work was provided in the State Budget for three years in succession;

(*c*) whether it is provided in the budget for the current year;

(*d*) whether the Chief Engineer has visited the proposed site for the dam and, if so, when;

(*e*) what is the amount already spent regarding this work;

(*f*) why the work is not yet started;

(*g*) whether they propose to complete the work during the current year; and

(*h*) whether the Government are aware of the great hardship caused to the ryots on account of continuous failure of crops for years in succession?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) On 22-12-1943.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes; on 29-8-1120.

(*e*) Nil.

(*f*) A revised estimate for providing a regulator instead of a dam has been prepared and the work will be taken in hand in due course.

(*g*) The work will be taken up as soon as the question of willingness or otherwise of the interested ryots to pay half contribution is ascertained.

(*h*) There has been no continuous failure of crops.

Sluice across the stream in Kadagampally.

374. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have arranged to construct a sluice across the stream in Kadagampally ela in Trivandrum taluk to prevent brine from getting into the paddy fields?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There is a proposal to consruct a sluice or in its place a regulator across the stream. The matter is under investigation.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know from Government whether the estimates have been prepared?

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